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(57) Abstract

Electronic components utilize the waste areas (14) of panelized circuit boards (12) to provide self-fixturing of the components (10) to the circuit boards prior to soldering. The components (10), connectors in particular, include a main body or housing (18) intended to remain with the circuit board (12) after assembly and one or more locator tabs (20) extending from the housing (18) into the waste area or areas (14) of the panelized circuit board (12). A weakened area (22) located between the housing (18) and the locator tab (20) facilitates separation of the locator tab (20) from the housing (18) and permits the locator tab or tabs (29) to be easily removed at the same time the waste area (14) of the circuit board is removed from the useful area.

